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SUBJECT: 27TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY -
COMMITTEE B DEVELOPMENTS

REF: GENEVA 2975

1. SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 3.4.4)
DESPITE UNPROMISING BEGINNINGS OF COMMITTEE B DISCUSSION
OF THIS ITEM AS REPORTED REFTEL, FINAL OUTCOME WAS
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE DG'S RECOMMENDED
SCALE WHICH REDUCES U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO 25.67 PERCENT.
IN MAY 14 SESSION NETHERLANDS LED OFF WITH GENERAL REPEAT
OF ITS STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY AS REPORTED REFTEL BUT
WITHOUT TABLING A FORMAL PROPOSAL. IN EXCELLENT PRESEN-
TATION A/CG FURTHER RESPONDED WITH VERY LUCID AND LOGICAL
DEFENSE OF SECRETARIAT'S RATIONALE IN DEVELOPING THE
SCALE IT HAD RECOMENDED. U.S. REP FOLLOWED FURTH WITH
BRIEF SUPPORTING STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THAT DG RECOMMENDED
SCALE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD.
THERE WERE NO FURTHER INTERVENTIONS.

2. HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION (ITEM 3.7) AND REAL
ESTATE FUND (3.8)
COMMITTEE APPROVED EB RECOMMENDATION TO DEFER QUESTION
OF CONSIDERATION OF NEW HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION UNTIL
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28TH WHA AND DECIDED NOT TRANSFER ANY FUNDS FROM CASUAL

INCOME TO REAL ESTATE FUND.

3. AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE (3.10)
COMMITTEE AGREED BY CONSENSUS TO AMEND PROCEDURES OF HEALTH ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR INTERPRETATION OF SPEECHES INTO CHINESE AND ARABIC LANGUAGES. PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ARABIC MADE DURING COURSE OF SESSION BY RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY 20 ARABIC SPEAKING MEMBERS. UK, SUPPORTED BY US, SUGGESTED MATTER OF INCLUDING ARABIC MIGHT BEST BE REFERRED TO EXEC. BD. FOR CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER THIS SUGGESTION RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS. ADG FURTHER REPORTED THAT PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ARABIC INTERPRETATION WOULD MEAN ADDITIONAL COST OF ONLY \$3,200 PER ANNUM (EXISTING STAFF WHICH INTERPRETS FROM ARABIC INTO WORKING LANGUAGES WOULD HANDLE THE ADDED SERVICE WITH THE RESULT THAT NO ADDITIONAL INTERPRETATION STAFF WOULD BE REQUIRED). IN VIEW MODEST COST IT NOT PRACTICABLE PROPOSE ARAB SPEAKING MEMBERS MEET FULL COST FOR FIRST 3 YEARS AS HAD BEEN DONE AT UNITED NATIONS.

4. METHODS OF WORK OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ITEM 3.11)
COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED RESOLUTION EB 53 35 WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5. AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND WHO (SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM 1)
COMMITTEE APPROVED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND WHO (VOTE WAS 86-0-2 (USSR, HUNGARY)).

6. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF WHO CONSTITUTION.
IN VOTE REFLECTING HESITANCY ON THE PART OF MANY DELEGATIONS, COMMITTEE B VOTED 25 (US)¹ (CHAD)-65 TO APPLY ARTICLE 7 (LOSS OF VOTING PRIVILEGE) IN CASE OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR FAILURE PAY ASSESSMENTS SINCE 1966. ONLY SPEAKERS WERE LIBYA (WHICH REVERSED SELF AND AGREED APPLY ARTICLE 7 WHEN INFORMED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOT PRESENT FOR ASSEMBLY), CHINA (WHICH REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROCEDURE AND DID NOT VOTE) AND BOLIVIA (WHICH HOPED MECHANISM COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH SUCH CASES).

7. POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING WHO ACTIVITIES IN CURRENCIES OTHER THAN US DOLLARS AND SWISS FRANCS (AGENDA ITEM 3.6).
AFTER INITIAL RUMBLINGS BY USSR, PROPOSAL TO DEFER QUESTION PENDING UNGA WORKING GROUP STUDY WAS APPROVED.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1974 (ITEM 3.2)
DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS ADOPTED BY
VOTE OF 81 (US)-3 (USSR)-5.

9. ITEMS 3.31 (FINANCIAL REPORT 1973), 3.3.2
(WORKING CAPITAL FUND STATUS), 3.3.4 (REPORT ON CASUAL
INCOME), 3.9 (UNGRADED POSTS SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES),
3.12.1 (ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY BY EXEC. BD.), 3.12.2
(FUTURE ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY), 1.13 (CONTRACT OF DG),
3.4.1 (ASSESSMENT OF NEW AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS), 3.4.3
(ASSESSMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS) WERE APPROVED IN LINE
WITH U.S. INSTRUCTIONS.ABRAMS

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